

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS A DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

Objections of: Elizabeth Diaz Castillo)
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To the Nomination) No.: 12-EB-SS-03
Papers of: Edgar Diaz)
) Rel. Case Nos.: 12-EB-SS-01, 12-EB-SS-02
Candidate for the nomination of the)
Democratic Party for the office of State)
Senator for the 1st Legislative District, State of)
Illinois)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Marisel A. Hernandez, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of Elizabeth Diaz Castillo (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Edgar Diaz, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 1st Legislative District of the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012, having convened on December 19, 2011, at 8:30 AM, in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers in the above-entitled matter, finds that:

1. Objections to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly and timely filed.

2. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 19, 2011 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Christopher Agrella for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Candidate, Edgar Diaz, by attorney, Matthew Arthur. The Objector did not appear. The hearing was continued to December 22, 2011 to allow for a second service of the Call on the Objector.

7. At the continued hearing on December 22, 2011, the Candidate appeared pro se. The Objector did not appear

8. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. The Hearing Officer has recommended that the Objector be defaulted and that the Objections be dismissed.

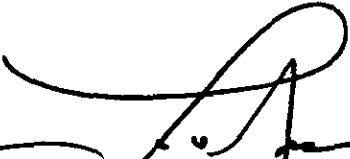
9. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

10. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board defaults the Objector and dismisses the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

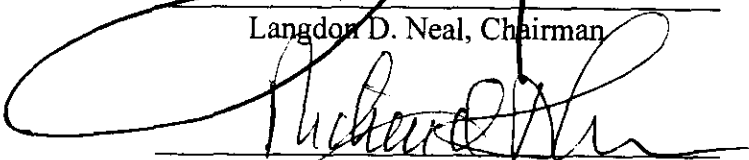
11. The Electoral Board further finds, however, the Candidate's Nomination Papers were found invalid in related case 12-EB-SS-01.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Elizabeth Diaz Castillo to the Nomination Papers of Edgar Diaz, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 1st Legislative District of the State of Illinois, are hereby DISMISSED.

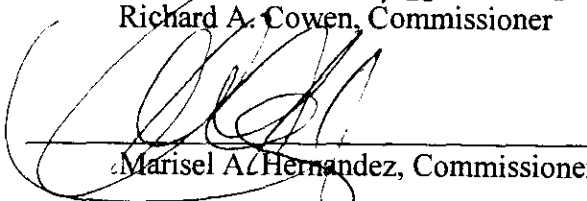
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 4, 2012.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Marisel A. Hernandez, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved of this decision and seeking judicial review of this decision must file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County within 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.